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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

## Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Examiner

Rachel K. Hunnicutt

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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 August 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                   | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)             |
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### DETAILED ACTION

Applicant's election with traverse of Group I in the response dated August 20, 2004, is noted. However, the previous restriction requirement is withdrawn, and a new one follows below.

#### *Election/Restrictions*

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-15 and 34-36, drawn to a method of identifying compounds capable of inhibiting fibronectin-mediated processes, classified in class 435, subclass 7.1.
- II. Claims 16-21, drawn to a method of identifying compounds having uteroglobin-like activity, classified in class 514, subclass 2.
- III. Claims 22-27, drawn to a method of identifying a ligand for uteroglobin, classified in class 436, subclass 501.
- IV. Claims 28-33, drawn to a method of identifying compounds capable of modulating uteroglobin-mediated processes, classified in class 424, subclass 9.2.
- V. Claims 37-39, drawn to a method of identifying receptor-ligand pairs, classified in class 436, subclass 501.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

The method of Group I is distinct from the methods of Groups II-IV. The methods are drawn to different outcome measures, have different goals, and have different method steps. The method of Group I is not related to the method of Group V. The methods require different reagents and different method steps, and have different goals and different outcome measures.

The method of Group II is distinct from the methods of Groups III-IV. The methods are drawn to different outcome measures, have different goals, and have different method steps. The method of Group II is not related to the method of Group V. The methods require different reagents and different method steps, and have different goals and different outcome measures.

The method of Group III is distinct from the method of Group IV. The methods are drawn to different outcome measures, have different goals, and have different method steps. The

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method of Group III is not related to the method of Group V. The methods require different reagents and different method steps, and have different goals and different outcome measures.

The method of Group IV is not related to the method of Group V. The methods require different reagents and different method steps, and have different goals and different outcome measures.


Because these inventions are distinct and/or unrelated for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, and the searches required for the different groups are different from each other, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rachel K. Hunnicutt whose telephone number is (571) 272-0886. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30 am - 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brenda Brumback can be reached on (571) 272-0961. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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**JANET ANDRES**  
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